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RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

LIST OF MEMBERS, 1953-1954.

Middlesbrough :

Councillor J. S. Braddy.
Councillor W. Breckon.
Councillor T. Farthing.
Councillor F. J. Longstaff.
Councillor J. Loughran.
Councillor H. O'Kane.
Councillor A. E. Storman.
Councillor W. J. Story.

Billingham :

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Councillor O. Evitts.
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Stockton R.D.C. :

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Councillor G. H. Kirkman.

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Councillor Mrs. S. W. Metcalfe.
Councillor W. Rowley.

Chairman 1952-53.

O. Evitts, Esq.

Chairman 1953-54.

W. Rowley, Esq.

Clerk :

G. W. W. Barnley, Esq.

Deputy Clerk :

H. L. Cartwright, Esq.

SECTION I—STAFF.

TABLE (A).

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
Eric C. Downer	Port Medical Officer	19-6-50	M.A., D.P.H. Etc.	Medical Officer of Health, County Borough of Middlesbrough. Principal School Medical Officer.
R. Taylor	Deputy Port Medical Officer	1-6-52	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.	Deputy Medical Officer of Health. Deputy Principal School Medical Officer
*A. W. Hay	Assistant Port Medical Officer	1-7-50	M.B., B.S., D.P.H.	Senior Medical Officer of Health
R. Short	Assistant Port Medical Officer	1-7-53	L.R.C.P. & S.E., L.R.F.P.S.G., D.P.H.	Assistant Medical Officer of Health
A. Nielson Jones	Chief Port Health Inspector	12-4-37	Master Mariner, C.R.S.I., Certificate Meat and Food	Food Inspector and Rodent Officer.
G. Richards	Assistant Port Health Inspector	15-4-46	Master Mariner C.R.S.I.	Assistant Food Inspector and Rodent Officer.
C. R. English	Assistant Port Health Inspector	1-11-49	Master Mariner, C.R.S.I.	Assistant Food Inspector and Rodent Officer.
T. Warwick	Rat Searcher	October 1933		
J. Glazebrook	Rat Searcher	29-6-53		
J. Buckton	Launch Coxswain	August 1927		

A deck boy is also employed on the Launch.

Clerical: Part-time assistance by arrangement with Middlesbrough Corporation Health Department.

Address and telephone number of Medical Officer of Health.

Health Department, 26, Southfield Road,
Middlesbrough, Yorkshire,
Telephone: Middlesbrough 3201.

*Left 6-7-53

RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
26 SOUTHFIELD ROAD,
MIDDLESBROUGH.
5th April, 1954.

To THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

Mr. Chairman, Madam, and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ended 31st
December, 1953.

I have the honour to be, Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ERIC C. DOWNER,

Port Medical Officer.

SECTION II—AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE B.

Ships from	Number	Tonnage (Net)	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By a Medical Officer of Health	By a Port Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	2,009	3,454,063	486	2,005	15
Coastwise	1,933	921,868	1	1,887	...
Total	3,942	4,375,931	487	3,892	15

SECTION III—CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE C.

Passenger Traffic ...	{	Number of passengers inwards	623
	{	Number of passengers outwards	1,013

Cargo Traffic ...	{	Principal IMPORTS—Iron ore, manganese and chrome ores, scrap iron, potash, petrol, phosphate, wheat & sundry goods.
	{	Principal EXPORTS—Steel, sulphate of ammonia, pitch, creosote, slag, chemicals, salt, coal & coke & machinery.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive—Oxelosund, Lulea, Gothenburg, Narvik, Oslo, Copenhagen, Aarhus, Bougie, Casablanca, Bona, Pepel, Freetown, Continental ports, India, China, Australia, and New Zealand.

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF THE IMPORTS IN TONS INTO THE RIVER TEES DURING THE
YEARS ENDED 31st OCTOBER, 1952 AND 1953.

(Figures supplied by the courtesy of the General Manager of the Tees Conservancy Commission).

Commodity	1952 Tons	1953 Tons	Increase Tons	Decrease Tons
ORES.				
Iron etc.	2,664,819	2,785,866	121,047	—
Manganese	142,670	161,159	18,489	—
Chrome	31,470	25,534	—	5,936
Total Ores	2,838,959	2,972,559	139,536	5,936
IRON & STEEL.				
Pig Iron	22,812	69,183	46,371	—
Billets, etc.	38,791	18,033	—	20,758
Manufactures	11,044	5,748	—	5,296
Scrap	61,491	285,008	223,517	—
Machinery	1,549	2,374	825	—
Total Iron & Steel	135,687	380,346	270,713	26,054
Coal	142,791	424,821	282,030	—
Coke	1,155	373	—	782
Loam, etc.	22,110	20,007	—	2,103
Chemical Manures	67,067	77,565	10,498	—
Oils, Fuels, etc.	44,713	45,723	1,010	—
Oils Creosote	55,987	52,389	—	3,598
Oils, Feedstock	134,125	134,950	825	—
Petrol, etc.	31,604	53,883	22,279	—
Corn, Wheat, etc.	16,901	18,456	1,555	—
Provisions	3,442	4,244	802	—
Sugar	5,681	7,821	2,140	—
Paper	68	—	—	68
Wood	5,654	10,510	4,856	—
Magnesite	2,499	—	—	2,499
Chemicals	6,094	4,506	—	1,588
Glass	15	17	2	—
Bags	3,991	6,451	2,460	—
Phosphate Rock	94,328	100,037	5,709	—
Spelter	50	1,051	1,001	—
Sulphur	21,790	10,114	—	11,676
Sundry Goods	8,923	11,751	2,828	—
TOTALS	3,643,634	4,337,574	748,244	54,304

1953: INCREASE OVER THE TONNAGE IMPORTED IN 1952 — 693,940 TONS.

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF THE EXPORTS IN TONS FROM THE RIVER TEES DURING
THE YEARS ENDED 31st OCTOBER, 1952 AND 1953.

(Figures supplied by the courtesy of the General Manager of the Tees Conservancy Commission.).

Commodity	1952 Tons	1953 Tons	Increase Tons	Decrease Tons
IRON & STEEL.				
Pig Iron	2,524	2,159	—	365
Rails & Fishplates ...	49,234	96,124	46,890	—
Castings	60,326	52,439	—	7,887
Angles, Bars & Plates ...	267,504	252,146	—	15,358
Bridgework	3,403	255	—	3,148
Joists, etc.	15,474	10,489	—	4,985
Scrap	420	1,031	611	—
Galvanised sheets ...	5,043	8,807	3,764	—
Machinery	22,661	18,071	—	4,590
Carriage & Wagonwork	917	2,950	2,033	—
Wire (of all kinds) ...	5,599	4,093	—	1,506
Manufactured (other than the above) ...	3,459	5,744	2,285	—
Total Iron & Steel ...	436,564	454,308	55,583	37,839
Coal—Cargo	212,143	261,312	49,169	—
„ —Excess Bunkers ...	22,661	18,201	—	4,460
Coke	44,328	41,571	—	2,757
Salt	1,659	1,300	—	359
Sulphate of ammonia ...	387,707	387,404	—	303
Chemicals (other than Sulphate of Ammonia)	38,616	56,215	17,599	—
Pitch and Tar	72,598	63,848	—	8,750
Oil—Creosote	23,581	30,425	6,844	—
„ —Benzole, etc. ...	14,415	13,324	—	1,091
„ —Petrol, etc. ...	61,464	88,600	27,136	—
Slag Rough	141,881	158,052	16,171	—
Slag Wool	653	498	—	155
Glass & Earthenware ...	1,153	1,087	—	66
Paint, etc.	1,332	1,421	89	—
Paper	258	167	—	91
Cement	52	5	—	47
Corn	5,375	2,739	—	2,636
Sundry Goods	24,170	18,943	—	5,227
Totals	1,490,610	1,599,420	172,591	63,781

Allowed bunker coal 1952 – 102,412 tons. 1953 – 75,157 tons.

NET INCREASE OVER 1952 – 108,810 tons. (excluding allowed bunker coal).

SECTION IV – INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC.

There is no barge traffic in the River Tees.

SECTION V – WATER SUPPLY.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION VI – PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION VII – SMALLPOX.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION VIII – VENEREAL DISEASE.

NO CHANGE.

**MERCHANT SEAMEN TREATED AT THE SPECIAL TREATMENT
CENTRE, MIDDLESBROUGH GENERAL HOSPITAL DURING THE
YEAR 1953.**

During the year 1953, the total number of merchant seamen receiving treatment was 313, these were sub-divided as follows:—

British Seamen	87
British Commonwealth.....	41
Foreign Seamen	185

Of the above number ,264 cases were of recent infection, were diagnosed and commenced their treatment at this clinic. The total number of cases has been classified by country, and in fresh cases by disease as follows:—

	Total No. Cases.	Fresh Infections		
		Syphilis.	Gonorrhoea.	Others.
British Seamen	87	2	19	52
British Commonwealth				
Aden	1	—	1	—
Eire	1	—	1	—
India & Pakistan	28	4	1	16
East Africa	2	—	—	1
Malaya	1	—	—	1
Malta G. C.	3	—	2	—
West Africa	3	—	2	—
West Indies	2	1	—	1
Foreign Seamen				
Belgium	1	—	—	1
China	3	—	1	2
Denmark	7	—	3	2
Estonia	7	—	—	5
Egypt	2	—	—	2
Finland	24	—	15	7
France	2	—	—	2
Germany	10	—	5	3
Greece	9	1	3	4
Holland	27	—	5	18
Hungary	1	—	1	—
Israel	1	—	—	1
Italy	6	—	—	5
Latvia	3	—	—	2
Norway	29	—	10	16
Poland	7	—	4	1
Sweden	46	—	17	24

SECTION IX—CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS.

TABLE D.

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	Tuberculosis	—	2	2
	Vincent's Angina	—	1	1
	Influenza	—	6	3
	Malaria	—	3	2
	Pneumonia	—	1	1
	Dysentery	—	1	1
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Dysentery	—	1	1
	Erysipelas	—	1	1
	Chickenpox	—	7	1
Cases landed from other ships ...	—	—	—	—

SECTION X—OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURENCE OF MALARIA ON SHIPS.

The occurrence of malaria fever has been much the same as for 1952, only three cases being reported.

SECTION XI—MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE.

There have not been any vessels arriving in the Port infected with or suspected for Plague during the year.

SECTION XII—MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

NO CHANGE.

TABLE E.

RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

Category	Number
Black Rats	287
Brown rats	Nil
Sent for examination	18
Infected with plague	Nil

In addition 11 black and 197 brown rats were caught and destroyed on wharves. Seven of these were sent for bacteriological examination.

TABLE F.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

No. of Deratting Certificates issued.					Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued.	Total Certifi- cates issued.
After fumigation with		After trap- ping	After poison ing	Total		
HCN	Other fumigant (state method)					
16	(HCN and SO2) Nil	Nil	Nil	16	213	229

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SECTION XIV—PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1924 AND 1948.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION XV—MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS.

- (1) List of Medical Inspectors of Aliens holding Warrants of Appointment:

Dr. Eric C. Downer, Medical Officer of Health.
 Dr. R. Taylor, Deputy Medical Officer of Health.
 Dr. R. Short, Assistant Medical Officer of Health.

- (2) List of other staff engaged on the work:

None.

- (3) Organisation of work:

The Port Medical Officer is notified of all alien passengers, including stowaways arriving in the Port and arrangements are made for a Medical Officer to examine them on board before they are allowed to disembark.

- (4) Nature and amount of Aliens traffic:

The majority of alien passengers arriving in the Port are pleasure visitors to this country, chiefly from the Scandinavian Countries. A number also arrive regularly from Denmark bound for the Far East. These passengers are granted temporary shore leave during the vessel's stay in Middlesbrough. Stowaways occasionally arrive from West African ports.

The total number of aliens arriving in the port during the year was 561.

- (5) Accommodation for medical inspection and examination:

Aliens are generally examined on board, but accommodation is available at the Health Department, 26, Southfield Road, if it should be required. 186 Aliens landed at Middlesbrough during the year. In addition 375 passengers not landing at Middlesbrough were granted temporary shore leave.

SECTION XVI—MISCELLANEOUS.

NO CHANGE.

RETURN OF CASES OF SICKNESS OR INJURY FOUND ON VESSELS ENTERING THE PORT.

Fractured Arm	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Venereal Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Quinsy	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Foot injury	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sore Throat	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Hand injury	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Back injury	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Boils	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Hernia	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Urticarial rash	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Heart Failure	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Leg injury	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Liver disorder	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Eczema	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Pleurisy	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Eye injury	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Ankle injury	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Stomach trouble	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Malaria	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Thrombosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Renal Colic	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Crushed Foot	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cerebral haemorrhage	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Tonsillitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Vincent's Angina	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Gastritis	1
Sciatica	1
Eye trouble	1
Feverish condition	1
Nervous trouble	1
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Of the above 19 were treated at hospital or at the clinic, 37 were given medical attention on board and one proceeded home for treatment.

CASES OF ILLNESS OR INJURY ON BOARD VESSELS.

Reported or dealt with during the year 1953.

Date	Name of Vessel	Where from	Nature of illness	Remarks.
Jan. 3	Faxfleet ...	London ...	Stomach trouble ...	Attended by Fed. Dr.
13	Tregothnan ...	„ ...	Fractured Arm ...	Attended General Hospital
13	Lindborg ...	Odense ...	Venereal Disease (2) ...	Referred to Clinic
17	Maryston ...	Stettin v. London ...	Influenza (2) ...	Treated on board
19	Solhavn ...	London ...	Pneumonia ...	Landed to West Lane Hospital
			Influenza (2) ...	Treated on board
19	Chanda ...	Immingham ...	Quinsy ...	Attended by Ship's doctor
29	Enid ...	Dunkirk ...	Foot injury ...	Attended by Fed. Dr.
Feb. 4	Diana V. ...	London ...	Sore throat ...	Attended by Fed. Dr.
9	Dominence ...	Goole ...	Injured hand ...	General Hospital
9	Melrose ...	Casablanca ...	Influenza ...	Treated on Board during voyage
13	Chindwara ...	Hamburg ...	Swollen thyroid ...	Treated at General Hospital
23	Hans ...	Hamburg ...	Influenza (2) ...	Treated on board by Fed. Dr.
23	Maryston ...	Antwerp ...	Injured back ...	Attended by Fed. Dr.
March 4	Margaret C. Ertel ...	Hamburg ...	Influenza ...	Treated on board by Fed. Dr.
17	Queen Maud ...	Takoradi ...	Boils ...	Treated on board by Fed. Dr.
20	City of Sydney ...	India v. U.K. ...	Hernia ...	Treated on board by Fed. Dr.

CASES OF ILLNESS ON BOARD VESSELS—*continued.*

Date	Name of Vessel	Where from	Nature of illness	Remarks.
Mar. 23	Kent County ...	Wabana ...	Urticarial rash ...	Landed to General Hospital
30	Ben Reoch ...	Hamburg ...	Measles ...	Landed to hospital at Hull
April 4	Hampshire Coast	London ...	Death ...	Body landed to General Hospital (Coronary thrombosis)
4	Twickenham ...	Pepel ...	Suspected malaria	Treated on board and recovered during voyage
20	Mahronda ...	Rotterdam ...	Boils ...	Treated by Fed. Dr. on Board
20	Pax ...	London ...	Venereal disease ...	Referred to clinic
25	Constantia ...	Casablanca ...	Knee & leg injury	Referred to Fed. Dr. Repatriated to Finland 27.4.53.
27	Kalix ...	Oxelosund ...	Liver disorder ...	Treated by Fed. Dr.
May 4	Garvel Park ...	Vitoria (Brazil) ...	Venereal disease (2)	Referred to clinic
14	Indian Exporter	Hamburg ...	Tonsillitis ...	Landed at West Hartlepool Seen by Deputy M.O.H.
18	Magdapur ...	Port Arthur ...	Death ...	At sea, cause unknown
20	Svano ...	Lulea ...	Suspected Eczema	Referred to Fed. Dr.
23	Chilka ...	Rotterdam ...	Pleurisy ...	Treated by ship's doctor
23	Radmanso ...	Lulea ...	Eye injury ...	Attended North Riding Infirmary & General Hospital
June 4	Astia ...	Wabana ...	Suspected dysentery ...	Attended by M.O.H.

CASES OF ILLNESS ON BOARD VESSELS—*continued.*

Date		Name of Vessel	Where from	Nature of illness	Remarks.
June	8	Ben Nevis ...	Antwerp ...	Tuberculosis ...	Isolated to be repatriated to Hong Kong. Deputy M.O.H. attended
	17	Trevelyan ...	Liverpool ...	Death ...	Died at sea. Body landed at Cardiff. Cause unknown
	23	Baron Murray ...	Gibraltar ...	Coronary thrombosis ...	Landed at Gibraltar
July	9	Iris ...	London ...	Ankle injury ...	Referred to Fed. Dr.
	13	Pan ...	Tripoli ...	Stomach trouble ...	Attended by Asst. M.O.H.
	20	Cormeade ...	Sigundo ...	Erysipelas ...	Developed & cured on voyage. Examined by M.O.H.
	25	Manipur ...	Antwerp ...	Suspected tuberculosis ...	Examined by Fed. Dr. to be x-rayed in London
	27	Electric ...	Bona ...	Suspected tuberculosis ...	Admitted to West Lane Hospital for observation
Aug.	17	Fenja ...	London ...	Stomach trouble ...	Attended by Fed. Dr.
	26	Margaret C. Ertel ...	Hamburg ...	Death ...	On arrival (thrombosis). Body landed to General Hospital
	28	Landaura ...	Hull ...	Venereal Disease ...	Landed to Hospital at London
Sept.	14	Umtata ...	Hamburg ...	Renal Colic ...	Asst. M.O.H. in attendance Landed to General Hospital
	15	Braga ...	Pepel ...	Malaria ...	Landed to West Lane Hospital

CASES OF ILLNESS ON BOARD VESSELS—*continued.*

Date	Name of Vessel	Where from	Nature of Illness	Remarks
Sept. 15	Braga ...	Pepel ...	Malaria ...	Treated on board. Asst. M.O.H. in attendance
15	J. E. Manne ...	Oxelosund ...	Injured back ...	M.O.H. in attendance Treated on board.
15	Visten ...	Otterbacken	Stomach trouble ...	Referred to Fed. Dr.
15	Resaro ...	Lulea ...	Crushed foot ...	Deputy M.O.H. in attendance. Removed to General Hospital for treatment.
18	Ardgantock ...	London ...	Suspected Cerebral haemorrhage ...	Seen by M.O.H.
25	Umgeni ...	Rotterdam	Chickenpox (7) ...	Treated on voyage. Seen by M.O.H.
October 3	Ruhr ...	Montreal ...	Stomach trouble ...	Seen by M.O.H.
3	Itola ...	Dundee ...	Jaundice ...	Landed to hospital at London
9	Breconshire ...	Hamburg ...	Suspected dysentery ...	Landed to hospital at London
12	Araby ...	Newport (Mon.) ...	Appendicitis ...	Seen by Fed. Dr. & removed to North Ormesby Hospital
			Stomach trouble ...	Sent home for treatment
Nov. 5	Bifrost ...	Oxelosund ...	Tonsillitis ...	Attended by Fed. Dr.
23	Yarmouth Trader	Hamburg ...	Vincent's Angina ...	Developed while on leave at Hull & treated at Hull
Dec. 4	Resaro ...	Lulea ...	Gastritis ...	Attended by Deputy M.O.H. & referred to Fed. Dr.

CASES OF ILLNESS ON BOARD VESSELS—*continued.*

Date	Name of Vessel	Where from	Nature of Illness	Remarks
Dec. 16	Cimbria ...	Bergen ...	Tonsillitis (2) ...	Attended by Asst. M.O.H. Referred to Fed. Dr.
18	Moray Coast ...	London ...	Ulcerated stomach	Attended by Fed. Dr. Paid off and sent home for treatment
21	Bornriff ...	Antwerp ...	Sciatica ...	Attended by Fed. Dr.
23	Laponia... ...	Narvik ...	Eye trouble ...	Referred to Fed. Dr.
28	Runa ...	Dublin ...	Feverish condition	Attended by Fed. Dr.
28	Kalix ...	Oxelosund ...	Nervous condition	Seen by M.O.H.

INFLUENZA.

S/S "Maryston" arrived at the Port on January 17th. Two of the crew were found to be suffering from influenza. Attended by the Federation Dr.

S/S "Hans" arrived at the Port on February 23rd. Two of the crew were found to be suffering from influenza. Attended by the Federation Dr.

M/V "Margaret C. Ertel" arrived at the Port on March 14th. One of the crew was found to be suffering from influenza. Attended by the Federation Dr.

S/S "Solhavn" arrived at the Port on January 19th. Two of the crew were found to be suffering from influenza. Given medical treatment on board.

PNEUMONIA.

S/S "Solhavn" arrived at the Port on January 19th. One of the crew was found to be suffering from pneumonia. Admitted to hospital.

DYSENTERY.

S/S "Bastia" arrived at the Port on June 4th. One of the crew was found to be suffering from suspected dysentery. Attended by Medical Officer of Health.

TUBERCULOSIS.

S/S "Ben Nevis" arrived at the Port on June 8th. One Chinese seaman was found to be suffering from tuberculosis. Was isolated and left with the ship for repatriation to Hong Kong.

S/S "Manipur" arrived at the Port on July 25th. One of the crew was found to be suffering from suspected tuberculosis. Attended by Dr. Moran. Sailed with ship and was to be x-rayed in London.

MALARIAL FEVER.

S/S "Braga" arrived at the Port on September 14th. Two of the crew were found to be suffering from malarial fever. One case was admitted to West Lane Hospital for treatment and the other received medical attention on board.

VINCENT'S ANGINA.

S/S "Yarmouth Trader" arrived at the Port on November 23rd. The Captain advised that one of the crew who had gone on leave to Hull had developed angina.

NUMBER OF CASES OF SICKNESS OR INJURY

dealt with before arrival at the Port.

Measles	...	...	...	...	1
Swollen thyroid	...	...	...	...	1
Coronary Thrombosis	...	...	...	...	1
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	1
Injury to hand	...	...	...	...	1
Venereal disease	...	...	...	...	1
Influenza	...	...	...	...	1
Malaria	...	...	...	...	1
Jaundice	...	...	...	...	1
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	1
Chickenpox	...	...	...	...	7

Of the above, 6 were dealt with at Yarmouth, Hull, Gibraltar and London.

VESSELS TREATED FOR VERMIN INFESTATION.

January	22nd.	"Mathura".	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
	26th.	"Umzinto."	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
Feb.	17th.	"Drakensburg Castle."	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
	27th.	"San Nicholas."	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
March	4th.	"Mandasor."	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
	5th.	"Belnor."	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
	6th.	"City of Christiania."	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
	17th.	"Queen Maud."	Pantry & galley sprayed with insecticide.
	23rd.	"City of Evansville."	Accommodation sprayed with insecticide.
April	23rd.	"City of Eastbourne."	Accommodation sprayed with insecticide.
	30th.	"Empire Nene."	Crews quarters; & galley sprayed with insecticide.
May	4th.	"Garvel Park."	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
	6th.	"Benattow."	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
June	1st.	"Clan Alan."	Storerooms & pantry sprayed with insecticide.
July	8th.	"Borba."	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
	21st.	"B.P. Engineer."	Accommodation sprayed with insecticide.
	21st.	"Clan MacKellor."	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
	23rd.	"Laurentian Hill."	Crews quarters sprayed with insecticide.
	27th.	"Benarty."	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
August	26th.	"Cophthall."	Galley & pantry sprayed with insecticide.
Sept.	3rd.	"Urbino."	Storerooms, pantry & galley sprayed with insecticide.
October	1st.	"Admiral Codrington."	Crews quarters sprayed with insecticide.
	7th.	"Hollypark."	Accommodation, galley & pantry sprayed with insecticide.
	21st.	"Lord Church."	Accommodation, galley, pantry and storeroom sprayed with insecticide.
Nov.	17th.	"City of Barcelona."	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
	23rd.	"Clan Macbeth."	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
	24th.	"Mahout."	Accommodation sprayed with insecticide.
	26th.	"Umtali."	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
Dec.	1st.	"Maipura."	Quarter-masters quarters sprayed with insecticide.
	28th.	"Dumfries."	Accommodation sprayed with insecticide.

NATIONALITY OF FOREIGN VESSELS.

Dutch	...	...	...	857	Indian	...	...	...	9
Swedish	...	...	...	274	Liberian	...	...	...	7
German	...	...	...	146	South African	...	...	...	5
Norwegian	...	...	...	133	Costarican	...	...	...	3
Danish	...	...	...	78	Turkish	...	...	...	3
Finnish	...	...	...	36	U.S.A.	...	...	...	2
Italian	...	...	...	24	Swiss	...	...	...	1
Panamanian	...	...	...	21	Honduran	...	...	...	1
French	...	...	...	17	Isrealian	...	...	...	1
Jugoslavian	16	Monrovia	1
Greek	14	Polish	1
Portuguese	14	Moroccan	1
Spanish	14					
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LAUNCH "MERCIE II."

The motor launch "Mercie II" continues to give satisfactory service and is invaluable to the medical and inspectorial staffs for visiting vessels at inaccessible wharves, particularly for vessels moored at the buoys in the river, and for landing sick persons.

